



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

March 22, 2018
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2018

V. Approval of Agenda: March 22, 2018

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City

Background: At the January meeting, the search was expanded to consider cities in Brazil. Receive update from Vice Chair Arefi and staff.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

2. Possible Sister City Relationship with an Indian City

Background: Commissioner Awasthi leads research and discussion regarding this city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi.

3. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program

Background: One area of immediate interest is updating the SCC web page. Staff will provide an update of implemented and planned changes.

Recommendation: Receive updates and decide how to implement ideas.

4. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: Participating students are completely from Huizhou. The Project was off to a late start this year, but now has matching students.

Recommendation: Review updates as available.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Determine a lead commissioner. Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Huizhou representatives have requested to establish a sister school relationship between MHS and a school in Huizhou, China. This can be tied into the outreach to MHS management.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China

Possible New Business: as noted by SCC

X. Adjournment

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